

MR. HEMPHILL BACKS DOWN

**South Carolina's Fire-Eater Now Says
He Wants the Election Bill Passed.**

**He Regards It as Necessary to Solidify South-
ern Bourbons and Save the Party from Go-
ing to Wreck—Not in Favor of a Boycott.**

**Mr. Blaine's Course in the Behring Sea
Dispute Universally Commended.**

**His Letters Praised as Masterly Documents by
Democratic Senators—Possibility that Ar-
bitration Will Be the Outcome.**

CHANGING THEIR MINDS.

**Democrats Favor the Election Bill, Hoping
It Will Solidify Their Party.**

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Congressman

be remembered, led the fight of the Democrats in the House against the Lodge election bill, said to your correspondent this afternoon: "So far from being opposed to the election bill, I honestly would like to see the Senate to pass it, and would like to see the bill become a law before the next congressional elections. The Farmers' Alliance is playing such havoc with our party in my State that nothing short of the Lodge bill would rally the party and save us from an overwhelming defeat. I admit that I was bitterly opposed to the bill, but I now see in it the only hope of my party against complete disintegration and political ruin."

It is known that the Congressmen of Georgia, until the late war, were taken exactly the same view. Of all the Congressmen from Georgia, only two, Messrs. Crisp and Turner, are sure of re-election. Several others have declared themselves out of the race, and Governor Gordon himself, who, until a day or two ago, was believed to have a walk-over for Joseph Brown's seat in the Senate, now admits

plainly hinted that Senator Gorman, who is the leader of the Democrats in their supposed opposition to the bill, is secretly favoring its passage as a political move in order that he may solidify the party all over the country.

It is understood that Messrs. Spooner and Hoar, of the Senate committee on privileges and elections, who have been charged with the work of revising the Lodge bill, have finished their draft of the measure and sent it to the printer.

Not in Favor of a Boycott.

BALTIMORE, July 24.—Mr. E. C. Heald, president of the Corn and Flour Exchange, has received the following Telegram:

ATLANTA, Ga., July 24.

Please my answer (nail) giving your views on suggestion to hold convention of Southern business men to consider what is best for the South and if the force bill is law. Do you favor united action of the Commercial South in that event?

EDITOR CONSTITUTION,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

President Heald made answer that he did not think that the exchange could act as a body. Mr. Heald said to a reporter to-day: "One of the prohibited things in the exchange is politics. The charter expressly forbids any interference in political matters whatever, although the members of the exchange may take what action they

I answered the telegram sent me in the only way possible.

The Sun, of this city, says: "With regard to the boycott of the Constitution, we think it is impracticable, impolitic and unwise. Many of the bitterest enemies of peace, quiet and good government in the South are men who have for years found the best course in that section. They might not be amiable, by a better distribution of orders, to teach such men on which side their bread is buttered. They ought to be led to better things. In that section, the situation, feelings and convictions of the people from whom they draw their wealth. But a general boycott of all Northern manufactures and goods would be as impolitic, we think, as it would be unjust."

Not Indorsed at Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 24.—There is no sentiment in this city, as far as can be ascertained, in favor of the scheme indorsed by Governor Gordon to boycott the business men of the North in the event of the passage of the force bill. Savannah business men are trying to arouse a sentiment among the business men of the North against the bill. Their board of trade has passed resolutions with that end in view, and these resolutions are as circular as being sent over the wire.

—Mobile. Not at all.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 24.—The Atlanta Constitution today adopted a reply to the Georgia Industrial and Commercial Association's Atlanta boycott proposition. The chamber declared that it has no sympathy with the boycott suggestion. It opposes the force bill, but relies upon friendly political and commercial relations with the people of the North and East to prevent its passage, and should it become a law the people of Mobile will enforce other provisions and appeal to the enlightened sentiment of the country for it to be repealed.

Birmingham Repudiates the Suggestion.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 24.—The Age-Herald made a canvass of the business men of the city to-day for expressions of opinion on the Atlanta proposition to boycott the North in the event of the passage of the federal election bill. Only one man, a real estate agent, favored the idea. All say it is foolish and many say it is as wicked as the force bill. Birmingham is one of the few cities in the South that has no indignation that such a movement should be proposed.

Montgomery Will Give No Aid.
MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 24.—At a larger, fully-attended meeting of the Montgomery Industrial and Commercial Association to-day, resolutions were adopted protesting

Newspaper Advice Unheeded at Home.
ATLANTA, Ga., July 24.—A public meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce here to-day. Resolutions protesting against the passage of the election bill were passed. The resolutions ignored the proposed boycott against Northern tradesmen.

Views of John B. Lynch.
NEW ORLEANS, July 24.—The Times-Democrat's Natchez, Miss., special says: The Fourth Auditor of the Treasury, John B. Lynch, is here on personal, as well as to hope political affairs. He is, of course, strongly in favor of the passage of the federal election bill, and if such should be the case the Republicans of this district will nominate a candidate for Congress. The present incumbent, Henry T. Grifith, it is said, will be the sacrifice offered on the altar of political advancement. Lynch is heartily in favor of the force bill, and is of the opinion that it is needed. No difficulty in operating the bill will result, to his thinking. According to his ideas of the position, unless the federal army is increased, the country will be lost.